Aging In Place and Community Meeting Notes November 9, 2011

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Guests: Isabelle Schoenfeld

Topic	Discussion Points	Decisions/follow-up
AIPC work plan for year	 Create a check list of what an individual needs to age successfully in place. Create a check list of what a community needs to be a Community for a Lifetime. (consider audience – neighborhood, county, village) Include on the check list what is needed to provide, support or accomplish various items from either non-profit or County agencies. Present options to aging in place. 	Outcome: List intended to help COA advice the County government and County Council to understand and plan for the challenges of aging at home and in one's community. Having choices is the goal. Provide training on 'difficult conversations' – moving out of one's home and transitioning to the next step.
Options in senior housing	What is next beyond villages?	Outcome: Advocate County planning and budget to serve a broad income range of seniors. Invite leaders of retirement communities to give talk at AIPC meeting.
Housing Task Force Overview	 Jim Brown of Victory Housing was the guest speaker. Victory has built 25 communities in greater DC, 14 in Montgomery County Land or facility is donated which helps keep costs down 	Outcome: Support purpose built senior housing. Advocate to the County to support density bonuses, tax abatements and fee waivers in

- Funding is drying up
- Zoning battles are very hard
- 1 in 6 seniors lives below the national poverty line
- 20,000 of all ages on waiting lists for affordable housing approximately 3,000-4,000 seniors

White Flint Development

- 9,800 new housing units approved
- There are affordable housing mandates but developers hesitate to build purpose built senior housing
- Seniors can benefit from more services when senior dwellings are close together in multi-family buildings than scattered throughout facility
- "If we (the community) don't act NOW while the new White Flint development is still in the earlier stages of planning, there may not be a similar opportunity for 'purpose built housing for seniors' for 50 years!"
- Post session suggestion from AIPC mtg: Focusing on objectives of Senior Agenda might also be general recommendations for County planners.

addition to the donation of schools.

Advocate for senior purpose built housing and units in the White Flint project with senior units located close together.